

COUNCILMEMBER BENJAMIN HUESO

CITY OF SAN DIEGO - COUNCIL DISTRICT8

Media Advisory

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Council Member Benjamin Hueso announces \$431, 617 for Vista Terrace Park improvements

Public safety is top priority in the revitalization of the Vista Terrace Park in San Ysidro. The approval of the \$431,617 will enhance the once beautiful place for families to spend time together. The designated funds will upgrade the tot lot with new equipment and making it ADA accessible, the site's water fountains and the park's existing lighting. Enhancements will also be made to the area's parking lot and path of travel from the parking area to the playground in order to make them both ADA accessible. Resources to subsidize these upgrades derive from the combination of San Ysidro Developer Impact Fee funds and State Grant Proposition 40 funds.

Smythe Elementary School which neighbors Vista Terrace Park will share in the benefits from the park improvements. This primary school has been burglarized by culprits who have entered the grounds from the park. Valuable equipment such as school computers and other supplies have been taken from the institution of learning. More so, school officials have repeatedly complained of illegal drug paraphernalia and such found at the park. With the augmentation of the existing lighting, security will be vastly better and the neighborhood residents can once again take control of San Ysidro's Vista Terrace Park.

WHO: Councilmember Ben Hueso

SDSU's Adventuras Para Ninos

San Ysidro Park & Recreation Council

San Ysidro residents

WHAT: Provision of \$431,617 for Vista Terrace Park upgrades

WHEN: Wednesday, October 18, 2006 @ 10:30 am

WHERE: Vista Terrace Park

301 Athey Avenue (San Ysidro) @ Tot lot